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WHOLE No. 436

AFL Group Visits Argentina



Pres. Felix H. Knight of the Bro. of Railway Carmen (AFL), (L), now in South America with an AFL delegation, addresses a number of Argentine officials headed by Pres. Juan D. Peron, (seated at right). The AFL visitors are continuing their tour of Latin America. (Federated Pictures).

Law Requires Safe Places For Employe

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Calling attention to Section 6400 of the California Labor Code which requires every employer to provide a safe place of employment for his employees, Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations, stated a few days ago:

"The Labor Code further provides that the Division of Industrial Safety may order an unsafe place of employment closed until it is made safe.

"California highways are 'places of employment' for thousands of the state's workers: truck drivers, bus drivers, traveling salesmen, and many others.

VEHICLE FATALITIES

"More than a third of all industrial fatalities in California result from accidents involving 'vehicles.' Since 1939, there have been between 220 and 270 deaths each year in which the cause of the accident is given as 'vehicle.' Most of these have been automobile, truck and bus accidents, and the greatest number have occurred on the highways."

Mr. Scharrenberg reported that he was conferring with his legal aides and is seriously considering requesting the Division of Industrial Safety to make an investigation of California's highways, with a view of issuing orders closing those highways which are unsafe for use by workers in the course of their employment, until they are made safe.

Eleven Bills Sponsor Statehood for Hawaii

Washington, D. C. Statehood for the territory of Hawaii is proposed in 11 bills introduced in the new Congress.

Put the Heat On Congress!

**Taft-Ball-Smith
Anti-Labor Bill
S. 55**

**Ball Local-Bar-
gaining Bill
S. 133**

**Knutson Tax Bill
HR. 1**

**Anti-Polltax
HR. 7**

Modeled on old Case Bill, this anti-labor omnibus bars the check-off, limits union rights of supervisory workers and enforces the 60-day cool-off. Write your senator to vote against it in any form. Write Labor Committee members to kill it in committee.

This measure would split up unions in bargaining, force them to deal with employers on purely local scale. Write all senators to vote against.

Providing 20 per cent cut in income taxes, this bill would give millions to the millionaires, pennies to the workers. Write representatives to vote for a tax bill putting the burden on high incomes.

Once more the issue of cleaning out anti-labor polltaxers from Congress depends on passing this measure. Write all representatives to pass it quickly so Senate can tackle it before a Southern filibuster develops late in the session.

Conciliation Ironing Out Labor Beefs

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Willingness of management and labor to mediate disputes over contracts under the direction of federal conciliators, and ultimate settlement of disputes "without resort to economic pressure" was disclosed today by the 1946 records of the United States Conciliation Service Regional Office at San Francisco.

Regional Director Ernest P. Marsh reported that for the year 1946 a total of 2573 disputes between management and labor were referred to his office, and 2398 cases reached settlement in signed contracts, better than 90 per cent. Marsh also disclosed that "peace-time" disputes were fewer than during the fiscal year July 1, 1944-June 30, 1945, when 3907 cases—3876 involving disputes—were referred to the United States Conciliation Service of this region, with 3116 settled.

SUCCESS SHOWN

Contrary to one-sided interpretation and distorted publicity, the number of Conciliation Commissioners has been reduced to 36 in this region, including the Western States, from the 44 which obtained during the war. To date, 415 Conciliation cases are on file for the service, listed as "open."

"Our records show that where we were able to step into disputes before work stoppages occurred, we were able to reach a settlement," said Conciliation Director Marsh.

The region of 11 Western States recorded 332 strikes during the year of 1946. The number of workers in the region on strike totaled 117,454. Principal issues involved, the number of strikes, and the percentage base of each issue were as follows:

Issue	No. of Strikes	Pct.
Wages	195	58.9
Union Security	37	11.1
Contract Negotiation	56	16.8
Jurisdiction	4	1.2
Miscellaneous	40	12.0

FACTS SHOW PICTURE

The miscellaneous group includes strikes over grievances, job classification or minor issues and ranged from one-hour work stoppages to one or two days.

While "jurisdictional" were aired frequently, the actual strikes were four in number.

This should help to clear the picture in spite of the misrepresentation that has filled the air and the press.

Auto Unionists Split on 'Boom' Bust, Prospects

Chicago, Ill. The United Auto Workers (AFL) polled its 250,000 members on the prospects of boom or bust and found them almost evenly divided on the question.

Fifty-nine per cent said boom. Of these 21 per cent thought it would last for two years, 20 per cent for five years and 5 per cent saw long term prosperity ahead. Of the 41 per cent who predicted a bust, 33 per cent believed it would be upon us in a year and 16 per cent saw it holding off for two years.

The workers thought the best way to combat inflation was by (1) intensified buyers' strikes, (2) high excess profit taxes, (3) restoration of price controls, (4) more production and (5) competition, in the order named.

Fifty-six per cent wanted guaranteed regular employment, leaving out the wage issue, more than anything else.

New York's Central Trades Council Asks Joint Labor Action

New York City The New York Central Trades & Labor Council was asked to convene an emergency meeting of all AFL locals to act against threatened anti-labor legislation in a resolution adopted by the joint board of the Hotel & Restaurant Employees Intl. Alliance.

The board, which represents 11 locals with a membership of 60,000, also urged the AFL executive council to ask "all sections of the labor movement for united action on the legislative as well as economic front." A conference of all its locals will be called by the board to send a delegation to Washington to oppose the anti-labor bills.

Temos Appeal For Help in Fight Against Jergens Firm

Los Angeles, Calif.

A continuation of the united fight against the Andrew Jergens Company is pledged by the Western Warehouse and Produce Council of the Western Conference of Teamsters. Calling for support of AFL unions throughout the 11 western states, George Mock, secretary of the council, reviewed the history of the anti-labor firm which has defied virtually every governmental agency dealing with industrial problems.

ANTI-LABOR HISTORY

Local 598, General Warehousemen, organized all production and maintenance employees of the firm's plant in Burbank, Calif., and in December, 1945, won certification as the collective bargaining agent. The National Labor Relations Board at the same time issued a directive ordering the company to give its employees a five cents per hour wage increase retroactive to May, 1943. The same order had also been directed by the National War Labor Board.

The company never did abide by any of these orders!

Nevertheless the union made every effort to secure an agreement with the company in spite of the company's bitterly anti-labor attitude and stalling tactics.

STUCK YEAR AGO

The employees walked out of the plant as a body in February, 1946, and established picket lines. Since then the company has employed every effort to break the strike, even going so far as to hire a strikebreaking trucking company to pull loaded boxcars into the plants' spur track after railroad workers refused to go through the picket lines there.

UNFAIR ACTIONS

Virtually every Central Labor Body and Council has placed the firm on the unfair list and unionists on the West Coast have been conducting an active consumer boycott of Jergens Lotion, Woodbury's Soap and other products which the firm has been manufacturing in eastern plants.

Mock indicated that the boycott would be spread and that the Council was enlisting the active support of AFL unions across the entire nation.

The company sponsors Walter Winchell, supposedly liberal radio commentator, but the liberalism does not go any further than the radio program.

Employers Don't Like That Label Campaign Of Electrical Union

Washington, D. C.

In testimony heavily documented with photostats and affidavits, Pres. R. Stafford Edwards of the Natl. Electrical Manufacturers Assn. complained to the Senate labor committee that secondary boycotts by the Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) have excluded many producers from metropolitan markets.

Edwards cited the IBEW ruling to boycott all lighting fixtures not bearing the IBEW label and displayed photostats of union letterheads announcing the policy.

The witness said the boycott prevailed also against products bearing labels of CIO unions, and urged the committee to ban boycotts with full penalties for violations.

Fletcher, Editor of Labor Paper in Long Beach, on Rule Com.

Sacramento, Calif.

Among the five members of organized labor appointed to the California Assembly's powerful rules committee is Assemblyman Carl Fletcher, editor of the Labor News, official publication of the Long Beach Central Labor Union.

Fletcher was also appointed to the committee on industrial relations, of which a clear majority are members of organized labor or favorably inclined to its principles.

Sec. C. J. Haggerty of the California Federation of Labor has already announced approval of Republican Gov. Earl Warren's inaugural address proposals for broadened state mediation authority in labor disputes, a stepped-up program of housing and increased workmen's compensation benefits.

Material Here For Apartments In New Area

Building materials have arrived and have been delivered on the site of the new \$175,000 apartment buildings to be erected at the new Monterey Park subdivision of Salinas, union officials reported.

Carpenters and laborers were to be called to the new project this week to begin construction work.

Meanwhile, the work of building curbs and gutters to outline the streets of the vast new subdivision was continuing rapidly.

General Rent Hike in Near Future Looms

Washington, D. C.

Imminence of a general rent hike for the entire nation was made clear as the Senate banking committee opened hearings on various legislative proposals to weaken or kill rent control.

The hearings opened following a last-minute White House killing of an OPA order which would have permitted landlords to boost rents 10 per cent. Presidential Press Secretary Charles Ross told newsmen President Truman still held the view "that rent controls should remain, but that it is up to Congress to act if it deems otherwise."

THEY HACK AWAY!

Senator Charles Tobey (R., N.H.) generally regarded as a liberal with a fairly good record in the 79th Congress battle over price control, opened the session by labeling a hold-the-line policy on rents an "extreme" approach, matched on the other end by House and Senate bills to end rent ceilings outright. Somewhere in between, he indicated, Congress must "seek a solution which, though not satisfactory to all, yet will be fair and equitable."

Alternatives outlined by Tobey included:

1. Enacting the Hawkes Bill (S. 415) allowing an immediate 15 per cent rent jump on properties now rented and no ceilings on new structures.

2. Passing a bill which would leave the whole control question up to state and city authorities.

3. Making it possible to adjust rents on the basis of the type of structure and its value.

SHOWS NEED FOR LID

Edmond B. Butler, representing the New York City housing authority, presented the committee with facts and figures showing the need for keeping the lid on rents. A flat increase, he said, "would merely be a windfall for those operators who are making a fair return, and would apply indiscriminately whether or not the owner needs relief." And OPA has already granted more than 70 per cent of the petitions for rent increases filed by landlords in New York City in recent months, he said.

A study made last summer, he continued, showed half of all the veterans who wished to rent apartments were able to pay no more than \$46 a month; including utilities. Only one-fourth could pay more than \$54.

He blasted as "a fairy tale the thought that there will be vacancies if the rich move into new high-cost housing, because both rich and poor these days are living doubled up." As for the argument that local officials should have control over rents, he reminded the senators that rent control was imposed in various areas at different times and could be removed the same way by federal authorities.

Thomas Back On the Job

S. M. Thomas, business agent of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey, was due back on his job this week following a serious operation recently. Bro. Thomas was still weak from the operation but said he was recovering rapidly.

Caveny, Humbracht Find Hunting Good

Roy Humbracht, secretary, and Lester Caveny, business agent, both of Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, report that hunting in the Monterey area has been good in recent months.

Both avid hunters, they take along some of Caveny's specially trained hunting dogs and usually return with raccoon or bobcat as evidence of their prowess.

I think some folks are foolish to pay what it costs to live.—ABE MARTIN.

DRY CLEANERS IN SALINAS ASK CHARTER

Dry cleaners and dyers of various plants in the Salinas area have sent to the International Laundry Workers Union for a charter to create a new local here. Business Representative J. W. Deer of Laundry Workers 258 reported last week.

Deer said the cleaners and dyers, noting with satisfaction the forward strides of the new laundry workers union, held a mass meeting with 40 persons present, secured necessary signatures and funds for a charter, and authorized him to send for the official document.

Upon receipt of the new charter, another meeting will be called of the group, at which time the new charter will be installed, and tentative officers elected. Plans for a contract covering the industry will be discussed also.

Deer, Long Off to State Lumber Meet

John W. Deer, business representative of Box Makers Union 3034, and President Jack Long of the same union were to travel to Stockton this week-end for the executive board meeting of the Central Labor District Council of Lumber Handlers.

Deer was elected by Local 3034 as its representative on the executive council of the state body.

The union, at last week's big meeting, took under advisement an invitation to affiliate with the new State Council of Lumber Handlers, Deer said.

Deer and Long were instructed to attend a meeting in San Francisco during this week on the new contract to seek an increase of 15 cents hourly for box makers here, to bring the local scale to a par with that of the rest of the state.

Fish Plants May Pack Other Foods

Reports were current in Monterey area last week that certain fish canneries along Monterey's famed "Cannery Row," which has just completed the worst season in its history, may turn to packing of other foods in an effort to recuperate some of this season's losses.

It was reported that one plant might pack spinach, that another was dicker for provisions to put up pork and beans in cans. There were reports that some plants actually had put up some sample cans.

Whatever the plants pack during the summer months, whether it be fish or other foods, these plants will continue under contract of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union, union officials report. Inasmuch as the FCWU has had jurisdiction for many years and members of this union will be called to any work which may open, the union will keep jurisdiction, it was stated in reply to questions concerning fields of jurisdiction of the FCWU.

BARTENDERS AT SALINAS PICK LEADERS

Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas re-elected most incumbent officers at last week's election, and set Monday, February 17, as time for installation of the new leaders for 1947.

Elected were: President—William Harmon. Vice-President—Virgil Knight. Secretary—Treasurer—Business Representative—Pete Balestra. Delegate to International Convention—Pete Balestra.

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WARNING TO GOP



Sec. of Labor Lewis B. Schwellenbach (L) warns Senators Joseph Ball (R, Minn.) and Robert A. Taft (R, Ohio) that their bills to outlaw the closed shop and ban industrywide collective bargaining would mean industrial strife instead of labor peace. But the Republican labor-baiters continue to talk tough. (Federated Pictures).

Legislature hails peace pact signed by builders

By FRANK MacDONALD

Assemblymen Thomas Maloney and Edward Gaffney of San Francisco and Francis Dunn of Oakland submitted the following resolutions to the California State Assembly, which adopted the resolutions by unanimous vote on February 5, 1947:

"WHEREAS, there has recently been concluded between the Building Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor and the Associated General Contractors of America an agreement on a no-strike and no lockout plan for settlement of all employer-labor differences arising in the building trades industries; and

"WHEREAS, the successful conclusion of these negotiations and the agreement reached represent efforts of a statesmanlike character on the part of all representatives participating, and stand as a symbol of industrial peace and of democracy in action; and

"WHEREAS, these agreements mean uninterrupted work and production in these critical industries at a time when it is most needed, and the plan demonstrates that labor and management through collective bargaining can settle their differences and carry on their business in a manner best suited to serve the public interest; now, therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, by the Assembly of the State of California, that this Assembly, on behalf of the people of the State of California, hereby congratulates and commends the representatives of the Associated General Contractors of America and of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor, representing 19 unions, upon the successful negotiation of this agreement which will be a guide and an inspiration to both labor and management in other fields of industry to arrive at similar workable plans for the settlement of differences, obviating industrial strife and bringing production to the high level of efficiency and workmanship which has made the United States the industrial leader of the world; and be it further

"RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to those who signed the agreement on behalf of both labor and management; Herbert E. Foreman, managing director, and James D. Marshall, assistant managing director of the Contractors' Association, and Richard Gray, president, and Herbert Rivers, secretary-treasurer, for the American Federation of Labor Building and Construction Trades Department."

This action of the State Assembly in joining with President Harry Truman, Cabinet officials, United States Senators and Congressmen in commending the agreement for nation-wide peace in the building and construction industry is most gratifying.

For many years past it has been the conscientious aim and endeavor of building and construction trades workers to merit the full cooperation of their employers in serving the public.

It is sincerely to be hoped that similar agreements may be reached by employers and employees in the other industries in America so that a united, progressive people, actuated by a spirit of fair dealing, and conscious of their obligations to one another and to the public, may continue in the building of a better and nobler civilization.

High Record In Peacetime Jobs Shown

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif. Constant increases in manufacturing employment in California are shown in the monthly reports of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the California Department of Industrial Relations. The Division has just released its summary for the year 1946 and gives a good picture of the postwar employment picture in California.

It is true that there has been a decline in manufacturing employment since the wartime peak. A low was reached, however, in February, 1946, and constant recovery has been recorded since that time, until now manufacturing employment is at its highest peacetime level.

In 1946, an average of 677,300 wage and salary workers were employed in California manufacturing industries. This figure compares favorably with previous peacetime employment. For instance, the estimated average for 1940 was but 417,000. The 1946 average, however, is still substantially below the wartime peak year of 1943 when 1,165,500 were employed in manufacturing industries.

Other officers of the State Council are: C. O. Johnson, San Pedro, vice-president, and executive board members from the five districts of the State. They are: District No. 1, J. N. Skelton, Los Angeles; District No. 2, C. W. Clark, Fresno; District No. 3, W. P. Kelly, San Francisco; District No. 4, Ed Westerman, Sacramento; District No. 5, H. S. Glover, Oceanside.

A liberal is a radical with a wife and two children.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

GILDING THE DROOPING LILY

A recent issue of "Business Week," one of the more balanced and reasonable national spokesmen for Big Business, contained a "Memo on 1947 Business."

This magazine refers to the coming recession, but it doesn't use any such vulgar term. Rather it refers to the approaching "corrective adjustment of considerable magnitude." Isn't that a euphemistic darby?

Anyway, the editors finally come down out of the clouds of verbiage long enough to let us know that they expect somewhere around a 15 per cent cut in industrial production sometime this year. They say it can't possibly be any worse than a drop of 33 per cent. This wouldn't be too bad, it is implied, because, after all, the drop was about 48 per cent after the crash of 1929.

Business editors toss off things like this quite airily. Even a 15 per cent drop in industrial production means hundreds of thousands of families destitute, and if it reached the outside 33 per cent millions of families would suffer.

We'd like to run across just one business magazine that sees "shakeouts" and "corrective adjustments" as they should be seen—in terms of harried, worried, underprivileged human beings, kicked out by the landlord, running out of credit at the corner grocery, having the gas and lights shut off, unable to buy milk for the kiddies, home-buyers and farm-buyers surrendering to mortgage-holders, the hordes of Joads heading West in jalopies.

A lot of the youngsters were just tots when this country went into the valley of the shadows after 1929 and they can't remember it, but millions of middle-aged people recall it with a shudder. According to the economic prognosticators, millions more victims are in prospect but, in the name of humanity, why?

LABOR HANDCUFFED IN GREECE

Some idea of the kind of government in Greece which Britain is upholding with its bayonets and loans (and which our own State Department calls a "democracy") may be gained from an authoritative report by Allied Labor News on the labor situation in that country.

Leaders of labor unions are appointed by the government and any union that balks at this loses its legal rights. The General Confederation of Labor has thus been converted into something similar to Ley's "labor front" under the German Nazi regime.

Up to July of last year, the General Confederation of Labor still remained a free body. At that time, however, the elected executive board was thrown out by the government and several of the board members were arrested. The government then appointed a new board, and went down the line in like manner with the most important affiliated unions.

For two years this newspaper has charged that Britain (aided and abetted by the United States) has used armed force to underwrite what amounts to semi-fascism in Greece. This latest development certainly doesn't make us change our mind on the subject!

NEWS FROM CRAZY-LAND

Tens of millions of people throughout the world are hungry and ill-nourished. At this very moment several hundred thousand are dying of starvation.

Yet our government recently ordered that stored potatoes (possibly up to 20 million bushels) be dumped because they are frozen or rotten.

This dumping of reserve potatoes, costing the government about \$80 million as part of its "surplus" program, comes out of the American taxpayers.

The potatoes could have been sent, as a gift, to the starving humans of the world, but they were allowed to freeze and rot at a cost to us of \$80 million.

That is the kind of price-profit economics that drives many a person to the library to find out what one Karl Marx had to say!

HOW HIGH IS "HIGH"?

America's standard of living is the highest in the world. It is so high that in millions of homes the wife, too, has to go out and get a job so that they can both make a living.

EATING AND HAVING THE CAKE

The way most American delegates acted at the recent session of the United Nations Assembly, one would get the impression that disarmament is a fine thing provided you don't have to disarm.

IRON, VELVET, AND ASBESTOS

Where there is smoke there must be some fire. Our State Department and War Department insisted on suppressing the Meader report on our activities in Germany. What—an asbestos curtain?

GIGGLES AND GROANS

NATURE IN THE ROUGH

One warm, summer day, a beautiful girl was strolling along a secluded country road when she came to a cool, limpid pool. She decided to go swimming, and, since there was no one about took off all her clothes and placed them on the bank.

While she was gaily splashing around in the water, a hobo came along and calmly sat down near her clothes to watch. The girl angrily demanded that he go away but he wouldn't leave. She then demanded that he hand her clothes, but he refused. She swam around for more than an hour when she found an old frying pan at the bottom of the pool.

Covering herself as best she could with the frying pan, she strode haughtily out of the pool, holding the pan across her body, walked angrily up to the hobo, and struck him across the head with the pan.

"You know what I think?" she cried angrily.
"Sure," the hobo replied. "You think there is a bottom to that frying pan. But there ain't."

PERFECTLY LEGAL

A Des Moines home owner, wearing his oldest clothes, was mowing his lawn when a woman in a fine car stopped and asked him:

"What do you get for mowing lawns?"

"The lady who lives here lets me sleep with her," replied the home owner. The lady in the car, without comment, drove away.

INFLATION NOTE

A lady left New York for Sao Paulo to have a good time. She attended a carnival and paraded the streets at night, singing and dancing. Next day she went to the bank and asked the teller:

"Is this 5000 reis?"

"Yes, Madam," the teller assured her.

"Will you give it to me in American money?" she asked.

He gave her 57 cents and she stood and stared at it for a long time.

"And I gave him his breakfast, too," she said angrily, walking away.

FIX YOUR OWN TITLE!

A peasant weighed down by more troubles than he felt he could possibly bear, went to his Russian orthodox priest for advice.

"My wife won't work," he said.
"My sons are in debt, my daughter is pregnant, and now—worst of all—I can't sleep at night."

"My son," said the priest, "the thing for you to do is go out and find the foulest, most malodorous billygoat in the whole village and keep him in your bedchamber each night."

The peasant followed the instructions, but after a week passed he went back to the priest and reported that his wife still wouldn't work, his sons were still in debt, his daughter was still pregnant and he still couldn't sleep. But the priest merely told him to continue the treatment.

Another week passed and the same thing happened.

At the end of the third week the peasant went to the priest in desperation. Things were bad enough to begin with, he said, but now with that horrible goat in his bedroom it was unbearable, and he was about to go out of his mind.

"Ah, my son," said the priest, "the time has come for you to drive the goat out of your bedchamber."

And a few days later the peasant met the priest and overwhelmed him with thanks.

"It is true," he said, "that my wife still won't work, my sons still are in debt, but with that nauseous billygoat at last out of my room, once more at least I can sleep. God bless you, father!"

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dr. Wasserman, famous author of "The World's Illusion," was accosted by a stranger on the street one day.

"Are you Dr. Wasserman?" the stranger asked.

"I am," answered Dr. Wasserman.

"Are you positive?" the man said.

SIMPLE, REALLY

DOUBLE: "My friend is a twin."

NOTHING: "How do you tell 'em apart?"

DOUBLE: "Her brother is built different."

SECLUSION PREFERRED

"My husband says there are some things a girl should not do before twenty."

"Well, personally, I don't enjoy a large audience, either."

WORD OF CAUTION

VICTIM: "If I take this castor oil, will I be well enough to get up in the morning?"

QUACK: "You'd better be."

On Second Thought

"Shave and massage, barber."

"Okay—and by the way, I understand you've been running around with my wife."

"Just make it a massage."

THE MARCH OF LABOR



THE STRICKEN LAND, by Rexford G. Tugwell. Published by Doubleday & Company, 14 W. 49th St., New York. Price \$4.50.

Rexford Tugwell was one of the original "brain trusters" of the New Deal. Of the New Dealers he was probably the one most thoroughly hated by the conservatives. He was hated because he really believed that drastic steps should be taken to improve the lot of the common man. His resettlement work drew plenty of fire, but when he tried to get through Congress a Food and Drug Act with teeth in it he drew down on himself such a storm of hate and abuse that he was marked for life as a "subversive."

I don't think there was a better man than Tugwell to put in charge of a place like Puerto Rico. He has the vision, the knowledge and the humanitarianism required for such a heartbreaking task. But, because of the host of powerful enemies he made during the New Deal days, Tugwell had two strikes on him before he went to bat in Puerto Rico as governor in 1941. In 1946 he resigned to take a professorship in political science at the University of Chicago, convinced that he had been only "moderately" successful in his administration and complaining of the continuing obstacle of "political jobbery."

"The Stricken Land" is not a writing job strictly about Puerto Rico. It is really a political biography with Puerto Rico the main theme. Those who read it primarily to secure masses of facts and figures, compactly arranged, about Puerto Rican life will be somewhat disappointed. There is a mass of running comment on phases of the domestic and world scene and a good deal of editorial comment on matters that do not strictly pertain to Puerto Rico. However, pa-

tient reading of the nearly 700 pages of this book is highly rewarding. Tugwell makes it quite plain that the basic trouble in Puerto Rico has been landlordism—both of the domestic and absentee type. About half the land was controlled by continental firms. Land monopoly of the worst type was permitted to grow despite the fact that the "Organic Act" had always prohibited the owning of more than 500 acres of land by a corporation. The act had been completely ignored, and when the time came to break up these holdings the problem was so complicated that it was difficult even to approach it.

—AL SESSIONS.

AFL Assists March of Dimes



Charming Nancy Drury, polio poster girl, receives a check and one of the many scrolls signed by AFL members who helped the March of Dimes. Incidentally Nancy's father belongs to the Intl. Bro. of Bookbinders (AFL). Left to right: Sec. Thomas O'Leary of Joint Council 16, Intl. Bro. of Teamsters, AFL Regional Dir. William Collins, Nancy and her father, Frank Drury. (Federated Pictures).

Report Says Landlord Not So Miserable

Washington, D. C.
As the GOP-dominated Congress jockeyed for position on the explosive subject of rent control, a Federated Press check into OPA's frequently published records on landlords' income since 1939 pointed up some pertinent facts.

First, landlords in 1946 made far more money than they did before the war. Second, there is no sign of a decline in the desperate army of homeseekers who have brought landlords a bonanza since 1941. "NO VACANCY!"

From a survey of 26 typical American cities OPA found that the main reason for the landlord's success has been the reduction of vacancy to almost zero. In 1939, landlords lost about nine per cent of their potential income because apartments were vacant while being decorated between tenants or just not wanted.

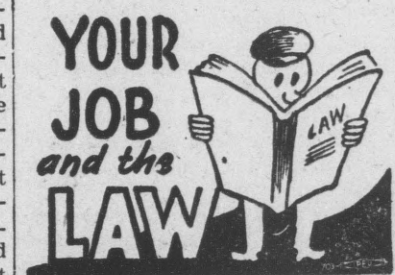
By the end of 1945 the vacancy loss for apartment houses (with five or more dwelling units) had been reduced to 0.3 per cent, where it has remained. The figure for small structures (four rental units or fewer) was 0.5 per cent. All units were being occupied and paid for almost immediately upon the departure of the previous tenant. LARGER CLEARINGS

OPA found that landlords cleared \$166 in 1945 for every \$133 they netted in 1939 on the average apartment house unit, or an increase of \$33. For the same period average operating expenses increased but \$11 for each apartment. Adding to this favorable balance the almost complete disappearance of the vacant apartment, the landlords end up with a 25 per cent increase in net operating income for the war years.

Although figures for 1946 are not yet complete, OPA has said the considerable improvement over the 1939 income is still strongly maintained.

Even more striking is the increase in profit for smaller structures, where net operating income increased 43.5 per cent over 1939, thanks to increased rents and an absolute drop in operating expense.

Consistently the picture shows a gradual rise in rents paid by tenants even during the years of rent control. This is caused by bringing new, high rent buildings into the sample and OPA-approved rent increases, all following a quick jump in rents before the lid was clamped on early in the war.



By JACK ABBOTT

A trial examiner for the NLRB has ruled that a company's refusal to bargain with the certified union about its pension plan is a violation of the Wagner Act.

The examiner stated that while the company was not compelled to agree with the union, it was required to consult with the union and explore in good faith the possibility of reaching agreement so that the matter may be removed as far as possible as a cause of industrial strife (Inland Steel Co., Jan. 8, 1947).

Unauthorized Strike

The Copperweld Steel Co. of Warren, Ohio, discharged certain employees on the ground that they had instigated and participated in an unauthorized strike in violation of the no-strike clause in its contract with the union. The union claimed that the discharges were in violation of the Wagner Act. An NLRB trial examiner ruled that the strike was unauthorized and that the company was legally justified in discharging the strikers (Copperweld Steel Co., Jan. 14, 1947).

Portal Pay Distinction

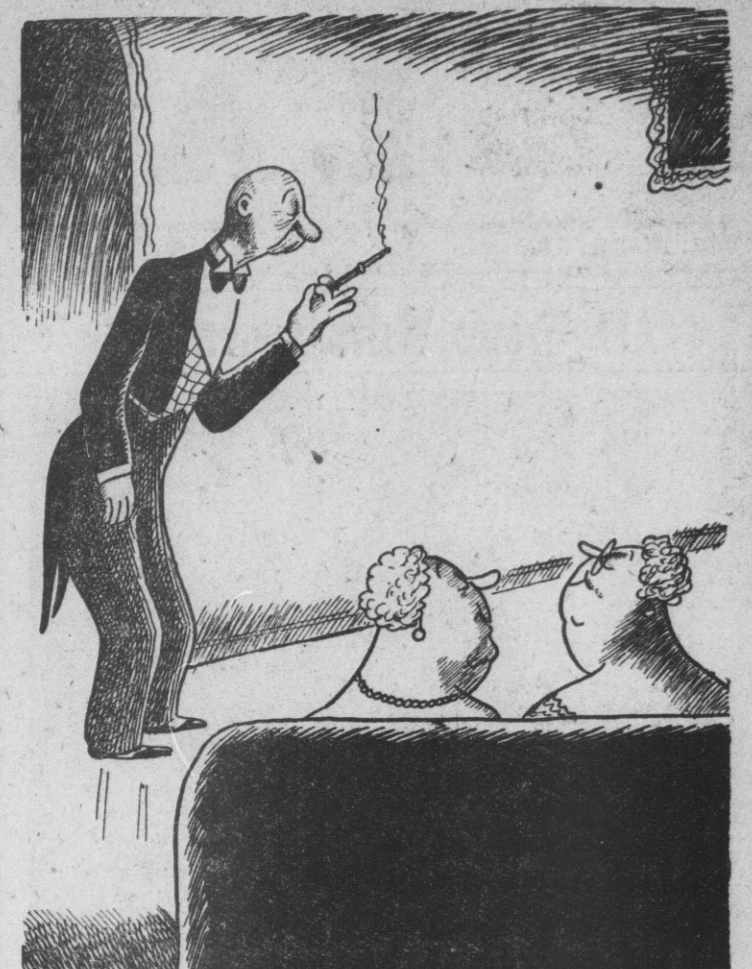
There is a distinction between walking time and preparatory time in many pending portal suits and the courts may apply this distinction in some of the pending suits, particularly in connection with the supreme court's statement that insignificant amounts of time may be disregarded.

Many people consider work preparation akin to actual production while walking time within the plant grounds is more like a trip from home to work. Hence the theory about insignificant periods of time may be held to exclude only the smallest intervals of preparatory time and yet exclude much longer walking periods.

It would be a swell world if everybody was as pleasant as the fellow who's trying to skin you.—ABE MARTIN.

Victory in Sight

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CALLING EM' STRAIGHT

ANYTHING CAN HAPPEN TO JOE LOUIS ON BARNSTORMING TOUR
By ED HUGHES

Joe Louis expects to pick up a quarter million dollars on his exhibition tour of Central and South America. It is possible, though not probable, that he could pick up a bit of competitive surprise too. Although toting along his own reliable sparring mates, there will be exhibitions against outsiders.

These could develop into something else.

"Never give a sucker an even break" is a good thought for any bigshot basher. In fact the late Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, one of the cleverest, once told me. "There is no such thing as a sucker." He spoke from experience. Once in an unguarded moment a third-rate almost belted him bowlegged. O'Brien never forgot it.

DEMPESEY'S EXPERIENCE

Jack Dempsey found that out too. I saw Jack, then champion, box an exhibition with a leading amateur heavy. He was a socialite and no small beer as a fighter either. Of course it was strictly a friendly thing.

In the second round, however, the socialite "sucker" almost spilled Dempsey with a crack on the whiskers. Dempsey had been doodling, the wallop caught him relaxed. It looked deliberate, all right, and Dempsey promptly unleashed a sincere one. The sucker half-collapsed and Jack, holding him up, whispered, "Now be a good boy. We can have some fun."

ROOKIE FLOORED JEFF

Louis probably won't develop any future opponent on his tour. One barnstorming champion of the past did though. Jim Jeffries, like Joe, was hard up for opposition. On an all-comers one Jack Munroe tried for the \$1000. This Munroe, a powerful miner out of Anaconda, Mont., not only survived four rounds, he put Jeff on the floor for the first time in the champ's

career. Jeff claimed he slipped, was not batted over. Munroe collected a tusty pound- ing, but a smart manager made the most of the "knockdown." He sized the wires to papers throughout the country dramatizing Munroe's feat. The miner became an overnight celebrity.

Munroe had three tuncup brawls, was then hurled against the embittered champion in a title match. Hardly more than a tyro, Munroe had the shakes when facing the mighty Jeff. The first punch capsize him. He was through in a few minutes without landing a decent hit.

MUNROE WAR HERO

Munroe, who died recently, was a real hero in World War I. A darling man with the Canadian Princess Pat outfit, he lost an arm on the battlefield. Later he struck it rich in gold mining. He was a nice fellow. Long years after his ring days, I ghost-wrote his column on the Dempsey-Willard slaughter.

"I wasn't so bad," he said modestly. "If they'd only given me a little time I might have been a real fighter."

Where've you heard that before? Maybe in this gabble about sending Bruce Woodcock, the Britisher, against Joe Louis.

The narrow old roads where two cars could barely pass without colliding are happily being replaced by wide highways on which six or eight cars can collide at one time.

Remember Them on Rent Day!



These four men have introduced a bill to make you pay 15% more rent to your landlord. Left to right: (seated) Republican Senators Albert W. Hawkes (N. J.) Homer E. Capehart (Ind.); (standing) George W. Malone (Nev.) and Harry P. Cain (Wash.). Labor and consumer groups should protest to congressmen to retain rent ceilings. (Federated Pictures).

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Attention ALL MEMBERS IN THE GILROY AREA: Your Gilroy office has been closed as of February 1 and all future business will be transacted from the Salinas office. All withdrawal cards and transfers as well as collections of dues will be conducted from the Salinas office. We advise all of our members in that area to take note.

TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT SAM REGAS & SONS: When you read this column, scheduled runs between Hollister and Seattle will be in full force and effect, hauling packaged spinach, packed by members of our Union for sale in Seattle. We have advised the management that we will cooperate in giving this firm any publicity which may provide increased employment for members of our Union.

On Wednesday, February 5, our people employed at this firm elected a new Shop Steward, Rose Sebrank who has replaced Myrtle Klock. Sister Klock is now a supervisor and has been given a withdrawal card. We ask all of our members to cooperate with Sister Sebrank.

TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE S. P. MILLING COMPANY, MITCHELL SILLMAN and ECKHART SEED COMPANY: When you read this column, the decision will have been handed down with regard to our arbitration for wages, holidays and vacations. As you remember, we asked for wages from .925c to \$1.25 per hour. Mr. McCarry from Monterey will be the arbitrator and the case is being heard on the 13th in Salinas. Contact the Union office for further information.

TO MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT THE FRANK RAITER CANNING COMPANY: As you know, our agreement has been revamped and has been submitted to your employer this week. Our 1947 wage scale demands are as follows:

HOURLY RATES:
Bracket I—Minimum rate \$1.67
Bracket II—Minimum rate 1.54
Bracket III—Minimum rate 1.43
Bracket IV—Minimum rate 1.36
Bracket V—Minimum rate 1.29
Minimum wage for women: When employed on an hourly basis and performing work other than that covered by bracket classifications—\$1.10 per hour.

When women are required to work at hourly wage rates in operating peach or pear machines, hand or machine fillers, or the like belt, such employees shall be paid ten (10) cents per hour above the base rate for women. Floor ladies—\$1.25 per hour.

In addition to the foregoing adjustments in bracket rates and hourly rates, the Union will request further adjustments by way of re-classifications or creation of new classifications, such request to be based upon survey findings of classification committee.

PIECE RATES (1) All unit piece rate schedules to be increased 25%. (2) Piece work rates shall be set so that they may reasonably be expected to yield a return to the average operator of \$1.10 per hour an appropriate percentage adjustment shall be made to all in the department. (3) Irrespective of whether the adjustments above outlined are necessary or not, no employee shall be paid less than the minimum hourly rate set forth herein. (4) Piece workers required to work late shifts as defined in Article III, Section 1 (c) shall receive the premiums appropriate thereto, such premiums being applied after average make-up and minimum pay adjustments have been made.

The same conditions will be presented to the Watsonville Canning Company. Our contracts with these two companies expire on March 1.

SALINAS ICE INDUSTRY: Your Union is in negotiations with the Salinas Ice Industry; and a meeting of this group may be called immediately following meetings with the employers.

Our contract with the Watsonville Ice Industry has been signed and copies are posted on bulletin boards at the various plants.

TO ALL MEMBERS IN THE WATSONVILLE AREA: A new office schedule will be maintained following Feb. 17th. The schedule will be posted at the various plants in the Watsonville area.

TO MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT DEMPSEY HUDSON COMPANY: Your Union officers who visit this plant periodically wish to pay their respects to management for, and on behalf of our members who are employed there, for the manner in which this plant has been operated. In the past six weeks no one has left because of a grievance. Certain conditions brought about through labor management relations such as heat, restrooms and cleanliness has contributed towards this most satisfactory condition. This Company has also tried to maintain a steady schedule in spite of adverse conditions.

TO ALL MEMBERS: Our next initiation meeting will be held at

the Women's Civic Club on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 8 p.m. As a result of a special meeting held at the Salinas High School and the general meeting which followed, your Executive Board is preparing the details of the group-life insurance plan to be presented to you at the next regular meeting which will be held at the Women's Civic Club.

IMPORTANT: Your Union has tried to keep abreast on all conditions which pertain to the welfare of our members; and through this column, has conveyed to you matters of great importance, one of which was facts pertaining to the present unemployment disability insurance plan conducted by the State of California. Effective next week, your Union will give you questions and answers in simple form with regard to this important function. Your Union makes reference to the Act which makes it possible to draw sick benefits on the same basis upon which you have drawn unemployment insurance in the past. This program began December 1, 1946 and these payments are financed with the 1% payroll tax deduction previously used for unemployment insurance, but since May 21, 1946 has been allocated to the Disability Insurance Fund. A large sum of money has accumulated so that no new or additional tax will be deducted from the workers pay check to finance the Disability Insurance.

There will be 36 questions and answers appearing in this column beginning with next week. In the meanwhile, you may procure any information regarding this Disability Insurance at the office of the Union.

The following received sick benefit checks this week: Maria Alvarez, 239 California Street, Salinas, one week; Dorothy Jones, 26 Toro Ave., Salinas, one week; Anna Rose, 460 No. Hanna St., Gilroy, one week; Maybelle Vandiver, 142 Sycamore Rd., Salinas, one week; Edna Glenn, 1415 First Ave., Salinas, two weeks; Charley Long, 1016 Pacific St., Salinas, one week; Lucy Chetkovich, 170 Wall St., Watsonville, two weeks; James Morgan, 534 Terrace, Salinas, one week; Wm. Jackson, Rt. 3, Box 131, Salinas, one week.

MINUTES Central Labor Council February 4, 1947

The president and vice-president being absent, the meeting was called to order by Secretary Edwards. On motion from the floor, Mrs. Pearl Robinson was elected as chairman for the meeting.

The roll call showed the presence of seven delegates from seven locals.

Credentials were presented for R. R. Robinson as a delegate from the Butchers. It was moved, seconded, and passed that he be seated. He was then given the obligation by the chairman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

A communication from the Central Labor Council of San Mateo County reported that the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, paint manufacturing plant of South San Francisco has been placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. It was moved, seconded, and passed to concur in this action.

Other communications were presented and considered.

The Cannery Workers reported no meeting since last report, and that they had had one day's run of fish—about a hundred tons in all.

The Motion Picture Operators reported a very good meeting and that all their members are signed up with the California Physicians Service.

The Glass Bottle Blowers reported that they are talking of reopening their wage contract, but that the local here is waiting to see what the Oakland locals are going to do.

The Carpenters reported a good meeting and everybody "on the ball."

The Bartenders reported no meeting since last report. Mrs. Robinson has been elected as a delegate to their convention in Milwaukee.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

—WAYNE EDWARDS, Sec. Treas.

There's some folks standing behind the President who ought to get around where he can watch them.—ABE MARTIN.

BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County was called to order by President Wm. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m. February 6, 1947.

Roll call showed nine local unions represented, 28 delegates and 12 visitors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

CREDENTIALS
Hodcarriers and Laborers 690 presents credentials for Brother A. Slapkus, to replace Brother F. Deker, resigned.

Roofers 50 present credentials for Brothers William Powell, Allen Page and Robert Turner.

By motion the credentials were received and the delegates seated.

BILLS
All bills were ordered paid.

CORRESPONDENCE
From the National Housing Agency of Federal Public Housing Authority, a copy of Facts About Public Housing.

From State B&CTC of Calif., two letters in report on the California state legislature along with several anti-labor bills that have been presented to the legislature.

A letter from the California State Federation of Labor giving information and instructions regarding disability for injured workmen and the payment under the Workmen's Compensation law.

Received copy of minutes from the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, Pile Drivers 34 and the B&CTC of Santa Clara County. Noted and filed.

Three newsletters from the California State Federation of Labor.

REPORT OF BUSINESS MANAGER
Brother R. S. (Dick) Rial reports his findings for the past three weeks, we are short of help in most crafts, the Electricians have a few idle men. He asked for instruction about permits for Saturday and Sunday work; was instructed that no permits should be granted for Saturday except in extreme emergency, though Sunday permits may be granted where the employer agrees to pay the overtime rate required by the local union. He brought up a question with regard to brick masons which was referred to Brick Masons 16 for consideration.

Brother R. E. Estis, business agent of Painters 272, reports that he has been out with Brother Rial most of the time and now has a list of the jobs and placed several men at work.

Brother S. M. Thomas, business agent Local Union 690 reported he had not been active for some time, but would be back on the job from now on. (He was in the hospital for some three weeks.)

It was moved and seconded the Brick Masons 16 be requested to furnish the B&CTC with a list of their members. (Carried.)

REPORTS OF UNIONS
Brother Foster of Sheet Metal Workers 304: "We will meet Friday."


Brother Wm. R. Moore, Carpenters 1323: "Good meeting; initiated two new members."

Brother Fales, Electricians 1072: "Meet Monday. We have several idle men."

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
The Trustees request that additional men be added to the board for considering the per capita question referred to the board. The

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Office, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres. Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Cecil L. Bradford. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2 p.m. at Salinas Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St. Pete C. Balestra, Secretary-Business Agent; W. K. Harmon, President. Office, 117 Pajaro St. Ph. 4717.

BOXMAKERS AND SHED WORKERS 3034—Meet 1st Thursday at Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Pres. Jack Long, 720 E. Market. Secretary, John W. Deer, 117 Pajaro St. Bus. Agt. and office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 4717.

BUTCHERS 506 (SALINAS BRANCH)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert. Fin. Sec., E. L. Courtright, 1221 First Ave., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Exec. Secy., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters Hall, Pres. Ray Luna; Vice-Pres. I. Miller; Fin. Secy. and Bus. Agent, G. R. Harter; Treas., O. O. Little; Rec. Secy., A. O. Miller. Hall and office at 422 N. Main St., phone 5721.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, Carpenters Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres. Mrs. Ray Luna, 1214 2nd Ave.; Sec. Mrs. Carolyn Darling, Rt. 2, Box 582, Watsonville.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday night at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. President, John W. Deer. Secretary, E. L. Courtright. Office 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone Salinas 7787.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—Meets 2nd Thursday, 8 p.m., and 4th Thursday, 2 p.m., at Salinas Labor Temple. Secy., Bertha Boles. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets first Wednesday of each month at 117 Pajaro St. Pres. L. E. Towle, 118 Harvey St. Rec. Secy., J. H. Ferson, 34 Felice St., phone 20302. Fin. Secy., E. R. Silk, 129 Rodeo St., phone 4589. Bus. Mgr., W. E. L., 1251 E. Alisal St., phone 7515.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF MOSS LANDING—Meets at Castrolite Community Hall on the "light of the moon" each month. Office at Moss Landing, telephone Castrolite 6202. George Issel, general secretary-treasurer; Leo Hettinger, Moss Landing representative.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND WAREHOUSEMEN 287—Meetings on call. Bert Compton, president; Fred Hofmann, secretary and manager; George Van Dusen, Frank Stevens and Conrad Hansen, business agent. Headquarters at 941 The Alameda, San Jose, Telephone Ballard 6315.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday at 8 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810. Office 6939. J. B. Mattos, Sec. Agt. J. B. McGinley, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6777.

LABORERS & HOD CARRIERS HALL ASSOCIATION—Meets 2nd & 4th Mon., 117 Pajaro. Pres. R. Fenchel, Rec. 146 Hitchcock Rd., phone 5810, office 6939. Sec. Treas. John Mattos, phone 6777.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec. Treas. Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple at 5:30 p.m. Pres. Mildred Clayton, 18 McFaden Rd. Secretary, Leta Williams, 19 Capitol, phone 3796. Bus. Agt. and office, J. W. Deer, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., at 7:30 p.m. Pres. Frank Davis, 69 Pearl St., phone 9757; Rec. Sec., L. R. Harrison, 17 Kenneth St., phone 3156; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Rep., Carl Lara, East Alisal Vet. Housing, Apt. 33, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Radon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423; Pres. Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS' UNION, Local 503—Meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple. Pres. Al Every; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Executive Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Wednesday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schireke, 636 El Camino Real, No., phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets 4th Friday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville. Pres. Edward C. Bey, P.O. Box 541, Salinas; Sec. John H. LaFreniere, Rt. 3, Box 317, Watsonville.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets on call of President Leon Edner. Fin. Sec., R. L. Mathieson, Rec. 158 Central Ave. Phone: Office, 4938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres. James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec. Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SALES & DELIVERY DRIVERS AND WAREHOUSEMEN 296—Meetings on call. Joe Eklund, president; George W. Jenott, secretary and manager; C. P. ("Kelly") Edwards and Thomas Brett, business agents. Headquarters at 40 North Morrison St., San Jose, Telephone Columbia 7312.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 Alvarado St. and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties). Pres. John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Sec., Haskell Warren, P.O. Box 513, Carmel. Fin. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. Pres. H. E. Lyons, 15 West St., Salinas. Secy. Treas., W. P. Karich, 20 Nativity Road, Salinas.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres. Frank Brantley; Secy. N. J. Carman; Bus. Rep. C. C. Fitch; Office, Labor Temple, San Jose; phone Columbia 9050.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 2016—Meet 2nd and 4th Mondays, Spreckels Fire Hall, at 8 p.m. President, J. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, R. MacRossi; Recording Secretary, L. Ferreira.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every month, 9:30 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., phone 875; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 167.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec. Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Rec. Secretary and Business Representative, W. G. Kenyon. Financial Secretary and Business Representative, Peter A. Andrade.

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BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose. Cecil L. Bradford, Secy. and Bus. Agent, phone Ballard 6341. BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. Secretary-Treas. Jas. Jolley, % San Carlos Barber Shop, phone 8103.

BARTENDERS 483 (HOTEL, RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m., 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Sec., Pearl Robinson. Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey, phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. Pres. F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin. Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec. Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 3715.

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BUTCHERS 506 (MONTEREY BRANCH)—Pres. Chas. McKinley, Res. 800 Lily St. Sec., E. L. Courtwright, 1221 First Ave., Salinas, phone Salinas 6238. Ex. Secy., Earl Moorhead, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 411 1/2 Alvarado St. Pres., Grover Bethards, Res. 488 Spencer St., phone 7804. Fin. Secy., D. L. Ward, 300 Gibson St., phone 6726. Bus. Rep., L. T. Long, phone 6726. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Box 1095, phone 6744.

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ELECTRIC WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey, Pres., Mahlon Fales, Res. 411 18th St., Pacific Grove, phone 3609. Fin. Sec., Andy Lazer, business phone 6744.

FISHCANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC (Monterey County, AFL)—Meets on call. Pres., William Culver; Bus. Agent, Lester Caveny; Secy-Treas., Roy Humbrecht. Office at Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., New Monterey.

FISHERMEN (SEINE AND LINE)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall, Pres., Horace Andante, 406 Villa Del Monte, phone 8107; Secretary and Bus. Agent, John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND WAREHOUSEMEN 287—Meetings on call. Bert Compton, president; Fred Hoffmann, secretary and manager; George Van Dusen, Frank Stevens and Conrad Hansen, business agent. Headquarters at 941 The Alameda, San Jose, Telephone Ballard 6315.

LABORERS 690—Meets first and third Fridays, Labor Temple, Hoffman and Lighthouse Aves., 8 p.m. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David Ave.; Vice President, Arthur Mercier, 422 Archer St.; Secretary-Treasurer, S. M. Thomas, P. O. Box 142.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Benge, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Siefert, 1508 First St., Salinas, Phone Salinas 7674.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets first Friday in month at 301 Alvarado St., 12:30 a. m. Pres. and Bus. Agent, A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, phone Monterey 4257. Sec., Harry H. Judson, Res. 422, Pacific Grove, phone Pacific Grove 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey. Pres., Norman Winslow, Box 792, Carmel, phone 2120M. Fin. Secy., M. Isakson, Rt. 1, Box 221-C, Monterey, phone 5249. Rec. Secy., W. S. Kallerup, Box 1461, Carmel. Bus. Agent, Robert E. Estis, 421 Casanova Ave., Monterey, phone 3759.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey, Financial Secretary, Jose Mondragon, Res. 272 Lane St., phone 6670.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS NO. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. President, Howard Tretzel, Serra Hotel, Monterey; Secretary, H. Diaz, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey, phone 7986.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1292 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Wednesday of month, Room 6, P. O. Bldg., 7:45 p.m. Pres., Glen Leidig, Box 355, Carmel, phone 1189-R; Secy., E. L. Edwards, Box 2039, Carmel; Bus. Agt., Arthur Hamill, Box 6, Monterey, phone 7681.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., James M. Ray, 525 San Benito, Salinas, phone 9034; Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

Behold Nature's Great Masterpiece—Man!

This parable, by an unknown author, illustrates the sad dilemma into which civilization has drifted:

Man can circle the earth without touching the ground; man can kill other men many miles away; man can weigh the stars of heaven; man can drag oil from the bowels of the earth; man can compel an icy waterfall to cook his meals hundreds of miles from the stream; man can print a million newspapers in an hour; man can breed the seeds out of oranges; man can coax a hen to lay 365 eggs in a year; man can persuade dogs to smoke pipes and sea lions to play guitars. Man, in other words, is quite an ingenious and remarkable package of physical and mental machinery.

But when this astonishing person is confronted with one problem, he retires to his hut defeated. Show him six men without money and six loaves of bread belonging to men who cannot use it, but who want money for it, and ask him how the six hungry men can be put in possession of the six surplus loaves, and watch him then. It is then that man attends conferences and appoints committees and hold elections and cries out that a crisis is upon him. He does a score of useless things and then retires, leaving in the shivering twilight, the tableau of six hungry men and the six unapproachable loaves.

President of Potter Union Joins Bosses Against Low Tariff

Washington, D. C.

Pres. James M. Duffy of the Natl. Bro. of Operative Potters (AFL) has joined the U.S. Potters Assn. in opposing lowering of import tariffs on tableware.

Duffy endorsed the position of the manufacturers for a continuance of present tariffs of 40 to 70 per cent, and pointing out that U.S. potters earn from 300 to 900 per cent more than foreign workers in the industry.

Although pressure now is for lowered tariffs for Great Britain and Czechoslovakia, the American industry predicted that peace with Japan will bring a "flood of Japanese dishes that will displace both the American and European product."

SALES & DELIVERY DRIVERS AND WAREHOUSEMEN 296—Meetings on call. Joe Eklund, president; George W. Jenott, secretary and manager; C. F. ("Kelly") Edwards and Thomas Brett, business agents. Headquarters at 40 North Morrison St., San Jose, Telephone Columbia 7312.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties). Pres., John Alsop, P. O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Rec. Secy., Haskell Warren, P. O. Box 513, Carmel. Fin. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey, phone 1671.

STATIONARY ENGINEERS 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday in Salinas. Pres., Frank Bramley; Secy., N. J. Carman; Bus. Rep. C. C. Fitch; Office, Labor Temple, San Jose, phone Columbia 8050.

TEACHERS (MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED) 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 5:00 p.m. Fin. Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every month at 9:30 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple. Pres., Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 346 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 1671.

WAREHOUSE EMPLOYEES UNION, LOCAL 890—Meets 1st Tuesday night, Teamsters Hall; office at Teamsters Hall, John and Main St. Phone 4893. Pres., Albert A. Harris; Rec. Sec., Wm. G. Kenyon; Sec.-Treas. and Bus. Rep., Peter A. Andrade.

Teacher Chief Hits National Ass'n. as Co. Union Outfit

Washington, D. C.

The Natl. Education Assn. has been acting as a company union under the guise of a professional association, Sec.-Treas. Irvin Kuenzli of the American Federation of Teachers (AFL) said in the American Federationist.

The teachers' union official blamed the NEA and similar so-called professional groups for the present mass exodus of teachers from the field for lack of decent salaries.

PRESSURE CHARGED

"While battling against the organization of teachers into bona-fide unions," Kuenzli wrote, "the non-union associations have failed to battle for education and the rights of teachers." He said in some places teachers were pressured into joining such groups, and that they were dominated by administrators and school officials.

"The million teachers of the nation," he wrote, "constitute the only large body of workers whose organizations are controlled largely by the employers. In hundreds of cities and towns the superintendents who hire and fire the teachers and determine their salaries are the key men in the teachers' organizations which are supposed to protect the civil rights of the teachers."

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"Many of the administrators who control the organizations are deeply involved in local politics and many of them have been imported by Chambers of Commerce, Taxpayers' Leagues and other organized groups for the specific purpose of keeping teachers' salaries down."

He said organization of strong, bona-fide unions among teachers is the only logical solution to the crisis facing the schools, adding:

"The very security of the nation will depend to a large extent upon whether or not company unions among teachers are replaced by bona-fide unions controlled by the teachers themselves and possessing sufficient power to make teaching a profession which will attract and hold the most competent personnel."

Radio Artists. Get 20% to 30% Wage Increases

New York City

Wage increases of 20 per cent to 30 per cent were included in a contract signed between the American Federation of Radio Artists (AFL) and the four national radio networks.

The contract, which is retroactive to November 1 and will run through October 31, 1948, affects 20,000 employees of the Natl. Broadcasting Co., the Columbia Broadcasting System, the American Broadcasting Co. and the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Signing of the pact came after four months of negotiations during which a nation-wide radio strike was threatened. Most controversial point in the dispute was a union demand for a clause banning network programs from any station declared "unfair" by AFRA. This was settled by a provision in the contract calling for a joint labor-management committee "to consider all matters of difference between the industry and the union" and make recommendations for peaceful settlement.

Cable Concerns Violate Trust Laws, Charged

Washington, D. C.

The Justice Dept. has filed civil suit against four corporations for violating the anti-trust laws in the high tension electrical cable industry and named two foreign firms as co-conspirators in an international cartel arrangement.

Defendants are General Electric Co., General Cable Corp., the Okonite-Callerend Cable Co. and the Phelps Dodge Copper Products Corp., all of New York. The foreign firms are Societa Italiana Pirelli of Italy and Compagnie Internationale Pirelli of Belgium.

Wendell Berge, Justice Dept. anti-trust chief, said the firms were charged with:

- 1—Creating an illegal patent pool.
- 2—Entering into cartel agreements dividing world markets with the principal foreign producers.
- 3—Fixing uniform prices for sale in the U.S.
- 4—Buying up for collective and exclusive use all patent rights relating to fluid-filled cable.
- 5—Suppressing commercial exploitation in the U.S. of a superior and more economical type of gas-filled cable widely used abroad.

MINUTES Central Labor Council

The regular meeting (January 31, 1947) of the Monterey County Central Labor Union was called to order by Vice-President McGinley at 8 p.m. with a salute to the Flag. Credentials were read from the Bakers Union 24 for Bro. Alex Paterson. Motion made by Bro. Harrison and seconded by Bro. Robertson that the credentials be accepted. Carried.

The roll was called and the absentees were noted. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and accepted as read.

UNION REPORTS

Bartenders: Bro. Barnes reported they will have an election at their next meeting.

Bakers: The Bakers would like to have the Retail Clerks organize the clerks in the bakery in the Salinas Drive-In.

Motion Picture Operators: Bro. Finley reported that the Fox and the Vogue theatres have signed a new contract for 15 cents an hour increase.

Painters: Regular meeting will probably pledge \$1,000 toward building a new Labor Temple. Trustees reports for November and December 1946 were read and accepted as read.

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from the Typographical Union was read asking that the Chappel Printing Shop be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. Motion made by Bro. Courtwright and seconded by Bro. Fenchel that action on this request be postponed until a delegate from this union is present. Carried.

Other communications were read and ordered filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for a subscription to the International Free Trade Union News was referred to the Legislative Committee for their report at the next regular meeting. Sister Williams was obligated as trustee.

Respectfully submitted,
E. L. COURTRIGHT,
Secretary.

The regular meeting (February 7, 1947) of the Monterey County Central Labor Union was called to order at 8 p.m. by President Derr with a salute to the Flag. The roll was called and the absentees were noted.

The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and approved as read.

UNION REPORTS

Butchers: Regular meeting, routine business.

Bartenders: Election of officers was held February 3; almost all of the members were present to vote. Bro. Balestra was elected to be the delegate at the convention to be held in Milwaukee.

Carpenters: Held a special meeting to discuss the building of a new Labor Temple. Two representatives will be sent to meet with the other unions in Salinas.

Boxmakers: Routine business.

COMMUNICATIONS

Were held over to New Business.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion was made by Bro. Balestra and seconded by Bro. Peterson that a subscription be taken for the International Free Trade Union News. Carried.

A poll was taken of the unions present and the following unions promised to send two delegates to discuss the building of a new Labor Temple: Bartenders, Butchers, Carpenters, Retail Clerks, Boxmakers, Culinary Workers, Laborers, Painters and Laundry Workers.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter was read from the Retail Clerks Union requesting that the Golden Crust Bakery be cited before the Council. Bro. Mathiesen told of the attempts that have been made to organize this bakery. Motion made by Bro. Courtwright and seconded by Sister Williams that the Golden Crust Bakery be cited before the Executive Board February 14 to show cause why they should not be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list. Carried.

Letter was read from the Laundry Workers requesting that the Modern Linen Supply be cited before the Council. Bro. Deer introduced Bro. Palacios, second vice-president of the Laundry Workers International Union, who explained the efforts that have been made to organize the laundries in Salinas. All of the laundries in Salinas have been organized for one year with the exception of the Modern Linen Supply Co. Repeated attempts have been made to amicably organize this plant but the owners will not even attempt to arrive at any solution of this problem and only seek to stall all attempts at organization. Bro. Palacios promised that his International will assist in the building of a new Labor Temple by purchasing bonds if they are issued, or possibly in a direct loan.

Motion was made by Bro. McGinley and seconded by Bro. Long that the Modern Linen Supply Co. be cited before the Executive Board February 14 to show cause why they should not be placed on the "We Do Not Patronize" list of the Monterey County Central Labor Union. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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